*USS George Washingto*n crew prepares for INSURV

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USS George Washington (CVN 73) hosted a Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) Preparation and Assist Team from 20-25 May to observe the ship's INSURV Phase III and to provide technical advice to better prepare the aircraft carrier for its upcoming inspection.

INSURV Phase III was the first chance for *George Washington* crew members to practice the entire schedule of events that they will execute during their INSURV in August.

"INSURV operates under a principle that a command should always be ready to conduct an INSURV," said retired Warrant Officer Brian Peters, Commander Naval Air Forces' INSURV Preparation and Assist Team leader. "[INSURV] is viewed as a come-as-you-are inspection."

The INSURV team stressed that it is everyone's duty to identify discrepancies and promote the ship's material readiness.

"INSURV is not about individuals. INSURV is not about tailored skill sets. INSURV is about maintaining the material condition of the ship from the point of identification to the correction of an issue," said Peters. "If you look at [INSURV] in that viewpoint, the Sailor that walked aboard yesterday has the same responsibility to promote the command that the captain has. Everybody works together, everybody promotes."

Education and understanding current requirements are essential to INSURV success.

"You have to be smarter than INSURV and the way you become smarter is to become educated," said Peters. "It's up to every individual in the command to focus on what is right and what is correct in accordance with Navy standards."

To learn more about INSURV and what inspectors look for aboard specific types of naval vessels, go to the INSURV web page at: http://www.public.navy.mil/fltfor/insurv/Getting_Inspected/Pages/default.aspx.

"Learn from your predecessors. Emulate their success stories. Pay attention to their failure stories. Become educated and work as one," said Peters. "INSURV is about one command, unified on one goal…success."

Retired Warrant Officer Brian Peters, Board of Inspection and Survey (INSURV) preparation assistance team leader for Commander, Naval Air Forces, discusses berthing habitability standards aboard the Japan-based, Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) May 22. Peters is aboard George Washington to assist the ship with preparations for INSURV, a process established by Congress in 1868 to ensure ships in the Navy are properly equipped, reliable and mission-ready.

INSURV was initially established in 1868 by Congress to ensure that the ships of the U.S. Navy are properly equipped for prompt, reliable, sustained mission readiness at sea.

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